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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action having a mailing date of October 5, 2004, with respect to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136, extending the time period for response to December 5, 2004, and enclose a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Claims being at page 2 of this letter.

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